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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/649,665
Applicant : N. NEMOTO et al
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Examiner : Unassigned
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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Sir:

1. This IDS should be considered:

(a) when filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or within three months of the filing date of the National Stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

(b) when filed before the mailing date of either a Final Rejection under § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first and when 1(a) does not apply. For this purpose, there is included herein either a certification in section 4 below (included when indicated by a marked box), or a fee of \$180.00 (a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed, or if not see section 5 below);

(c) when filed prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, when 1(a)-(b) do not apply, and when a certification is included in section 4 below (included when indicated by a marked box); then the Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) and request(s) consideration of this IDS, and provided herewith is a fee of \$180.00 (a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the petition fee, or if not see section 5 below).

2. When 1(a)-(c) do not apply, then it is requested that this IDS be placed in the file.

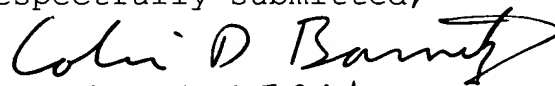
3. Listing of the information submitted is on the attached Form PTO-1449, which forms a part of this IDS.

4. If a fee or additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or additional fee that may be required and credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5 No explanation of relevancy is being provided for the documents because each is in the English language.

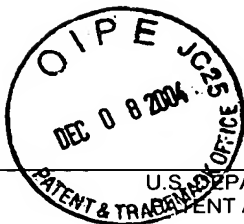
6. If the PTO determines that part(s) of the required content is inadvertently omitted, then it is requested that the Applicant(s) be given additional time and specific identification of such omission(s) to enable full compliance.

Respectfully submitted,


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* EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (If Appropriate)
AA	5,500,940	03/19/96	Skeie			
AB	6,130,875	10/10/00	Doshi et al			
AC	6,636,981	10/21/03	Barnett et al			
AD	2002/ 0196744	12/26/02	O'Connor			
AE	2003/ 0172153	9/11/03	Vaver			
AF	2003/ 0229645	12/11/03	Mogi et al			
AG	2004/ 0049572	03/11/04	Yamamoto et al			
AH	2004/ 0064543	04/01/04	Ashutosh et al			
AI	2004/ 0103210	05/27/04	Fujii et al			
AJ	2004/ 0153844	08/05/04	Ghose et al			
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